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TAGS: EAGR, TGEN, CA

SUBJECT: SURTAX ON BEEF AND CATTLE

REF: STATE 234118 (1973)

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER NOTE REQUESTING
COMPENSATION FOR CANADIAN SURTAX ON BEEF AND CATTLE TO
APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS. NOTE APPEARS IN PARAS 3-6
BELOW AND REQUEST LIST IS CONTAINED IN PARA 7.

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2. TSC DOCUMENT 74-8 CONTAINING BACKGROUND AND COMPENSA-

TION JUSTIFICATION WILL BE POUCHED NEXT WEEK. NOTE THAT THIS TELEGRAM MODIFIESTHE REQUEST SLIGHTLY WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS AND DATES- HOWEVER TOTAL VALUE OF THIS REQUEST LIST IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME. THERE IS ALSO A CHANGE IN THE NOTE.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA DATED NOVEMBER 2 AND DECEMBER 5, 1973 CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY SURTAX ON THE IMPORT OF FRESH DRESSED BEEF AND LIVE CATTLE, AND THE NOTIFICATION OF JANUARY 7, 1974 REGARDING THE STAGED ELIMINATION OF THE SURTAX.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR, DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF THE

TEMPORARY IMPORT SURTAX TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 2 IN WASHINGTON. IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE IMPENDING SURCHARGE AND PRESENTED ITS VIEW THAT IMPORT PROTECTIVE ACTION WAS NOT WARRANTED. THE UNITED STATES ALSO INFORMED THE CANADIAN OFFICIALS THAT IT EXPECTED TO CONSULT WITH CANADA REGARDING COMPENSATION AT A LATER DATE.

5. ON NOVEMBER 12, AND ON JANUARY 3, 1974 THE UNITED STATES REITERATED ITS UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE SURTAX DURING MEETINGS WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS. THE UNITED STATES STATED THAT THE TEMPORARY SURCHARGE VIOLATED THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S GATT COMMITMENT NOT TO INCREASE THE IMPORT DUTY ON CATTLE ABOVE 1.5 CENTS PER POUND OR ABOVE 3 CENTS PER POUND FOR BEEF.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES THE POSITION THAT IT HAS A RIGHT TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE GATT FOR THE ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN IMPOSING THE SURCHARGE AND REQUESTS AS COMPENSATION TEMPORARY TARIFF REDUCTIONS OF ITEMS ON THE ATTACHED LIST.

7. BEGIN TEXT OF LIST. U.S. REQUEST LIST.

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I. EXTEND TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS THROUGH 8/31/74 AND BIND TARIFFS 2/21/74 - 8/31/74.

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

600-1 LIVE HOGS
703-1 LAMB
704-1 PORK FRESH

705 MEAT FRESH NOP
1001-1 PORK PREP
1000-2 MEAT PREP NOP
800-1 CORNED BEEF CND
825-1 MEAT PREP CND
707-1 EDIBLE MEAT OFFALS
6500-1
THRU
6605-1 BISCUITS
9021-1 TOMATO JUICE
6300-1 RICE, CLEANED
4600-1 BREAKFAST CEREAL
10520-1 CHERRIES SULFURED OR IN BRINE, NOT BOTTLED
2502-1 INSTANT COFFEE
15205-1 PINEAPPLE JUICE
13445-1 SYRUPS, NES

II. SUSPEND TARIFF 4/15/74 THROUGH 8/15/74.

920-1 BABY CHICKS

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